

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
Monday, October 9, 2023**

**PRESENT:** K. Batten, J. Heideman M. Grossman, C. Martinson, H. Schweitzer, T. Wegner, and M. Wilz.

**I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)**

**II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by C. Martinson, President. The pledge of allegiance was led by C. Martinson. A quorum was established.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of Monday, September 11, 2023
- Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting of Monday, September 28, 2023
- Resignation of Personnel
  - Hailey Griffin, Educational Assistant, Readfield
- Employment of Personnel
  - Jessica Puffe, Educational Assistant, Intermediate/Middle School
  - Jamie Romberg, Educational Assistant, Parkview
  - Co-Curricular Contracts

Motion carried.

**IV. REPORTS**

The calendar, monthly celebrations, and director reports were reviewed.

Plach Automotive was nominated by the School District of New London Board of Education as a Wisconsin Association of School Board 2023 Business Partnership Honor Roll Recipient. Dan Plach from Plach Automotive was present to accept the certificate.

The Third Friday Count was reviewed and discussed.

**V. VOUCHERS/RECEIPTS**

J. Marquardt reviewed the vouchers and receipts. A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by T. Wegner to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$2,347,292.75 as per list of October 3, 2023. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

C. Martinson noted receipts from the receipt register of October 3, 2023, in the amount of \$2,854,606.15.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Review and Potential Approval of Early Graduation Requests**

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by K. Batten to approve the early graduation requests as presented. Motion carried.

**B. FFA Updates / Competition Demonstration Regarding Issues in Agriculture**

FFA / Agriculture students and Crystal Retzlaff, Agriculture teacher, reviewed the FFA activities and the trip abroad. Students in attendance were: Brya Schmidt, Allison Knoespel, Evan Retzlaff,Carolynn Backes, Emma Van Cuyk, Jake Flocker, Kimberly Murphy, Hanna Gorman, Heidi Weyland – graduate.

**C. Youth Apprenticeship**

Brian Yerkey reviewed the Youth Apprenticeship program.

**D. Selection of Board Meeting Dates**

K. Batten suggested that Board meetings be moved to Wednesdays instead of Mondays as there are no activities scheduled on that day. There is a policy that states when Board meetings are held, so this recommendation will be forwarded to the Policy Committee for consideration. Any feedback regarding changing the meeting day was asked to be provided prior to the December 6 Policy Committee.

**E. Board Committee Notes / Minutes**

The Board discussed the committee notes that are taken at the committee level and the pros and cons of posting the notes and/or minutes on the website, as well the pros and cons of recording committee meetings. S. Bleck was asked to bring back information on what other school boards are doing.

**F. Potential Agenda Motions / Informational**

Discussion was held regarding the transparency to the public of listing an agenda item as 'informational' but then taking action at the meeting. It was the consensus of the Board that when the president and superintendent meet to build the agenda, it would be determined if an item is informational or whether an action will be recommended.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried.

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Katie Batten, Clerk